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Area under Horticulture
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to promote the production of horticulture crops in the country, State-wise including Jharkhand; and

(b) the details of the area/land under horticulture crops, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): For the integrated and holistic development of horticulture sector in the country, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15. Main objective of the mission is to promote holistic growth of horticulture sector including plantation crops through area based regionally differentiated strategies, which includes research, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management, processing and marketing, in consonance with comparative advantage of each State/region and its diverse agro-climatic features. All States including Rajasthan and UTs are covered under MIDH.

National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH) Nagaland are part of MIDH, an umbrella scheme. National Agro Forestry and Bamboo Mission (NABM) was previously part of MIDH. It has now been agreed to be transferred to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Under MIDH, financial assistance is provided for following major interventions/activities:

â€¢ Setting up of nurseries, tissue culture units for production of quality seed and planting material.
â€¢ Area expansion i.e. Establishment of new orchards and gardens for fruits, vegetables, and flowers.
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â€¢ Rejuvenation of unproductive, old, and senile orchards.

â€¢ Protected cultivation, i.e. poly-house, green-house, etc, to improve the productivity & grow off season high value vegetables and flowers.

â€¢ Organic farming and certification.

â€¢ Creation of water resources structures and watershed management.

â€¢ Bee-keeping for pollination.

â€¢ Horticulture Mechanization.

â€¢ Creation of Post Harvest Management and Marketing infrastructure.

Besides MIDH, other Schemes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Micro Irrigation component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), etc. are under implementation for development of horticulture in the country.

(b): State-wise details of the area under horticulture crops are at Annexure.